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Is plagiarism really a problem?

- ★ A study mentioned in the Feb. 1, 2002, *Chronicle of Higher Education* says students plagiarize less than many people think
- ★ At George Washington University, Julie Ryan found, in 1998, that one out of every six students in her classes plagiarized their entire papers.



Is plagiarism really a problem?

- ★ A 1999 study by the Center for Academic Integrity found that 69% of instructors find one or more instances of plagiarism each year.



A recent study reported in the Chronicle of Higher Education in July 2002 found:

- ★ 80% of student use Internet search engines for every or most assignments
- ★ 50% of the students said that information on the web is not sufficient for their assignments





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The internet seems to make plagiarism more of a problem than it was in the past.



Why do students plagiarize?



★ To save time.

★ Strong pressure to get good grades.

★ General approval of 'minor' dishonesties by our modern society.

★ Leniency of professors

★ Poor time management skills





Why do students plagiarize?

- ★ Many students claim to be unaware that not citing works from the internet is plagiarism.
- ★ Many students claim to be unaware that “cutting and pasting” from the internet without proper citation is plagiarism.
- ★ Many students believe the internet is public domain and that web pages do not have to be cited.



Why do students plagiarize?

Students don't understand
plagiarism and citation
'rules.'

